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AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJ: AFDROUGHT: VISIT OF CARDINAL COOK TO NOUAKCHOTT INSPECT
CRS PROJECTS

1. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONFIRM CARDINAL COOK'S
ARRIVAL NOUAKCHOTT VIA RK 314, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. WHAT
ASSISTANCE, PUBLICITY (IF ANY) COULD EMBASSY PROVIDE IN
CONJUNCTION WITH BISHOP OF NOUAKCHOTT? FOR DAKAR, PLEASE
CHECK WITH CRS DAKAR ASCERTAIN WHAT CRS PROJECTS CARDINAL
COOK PLANS VISIT HERE. FYI. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, CRS
PLANS ONLY ONE PROJECT HERE (PRE-SCHOOL HEALTH/NUTRITION
PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAURITANIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY)
AND THAT PROJECT NOT SCHEDULED BEGIN UNTIL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER.

2. ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF NOUAKCHOTT ROBERT DE CHEVIGNY
CALLED AT EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 21 INFORM US THAT ARCHBISHOP OF
NEW YORK CARDINAL COOK PLANS VISIT NOUAKCHOTT INSPECT CRS
PROJECTS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30. BISHOP DE CHEVIGNY GAVE US
COPY TELEX FROM MONSEIGNOR EUGENE CLARK ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW YORK STATING ABOVE AND REQUESTING DE CHEVIGNY CONTACT
CRS DAKAR (MICHAEL WIEST AND COLIN CLARK) FOR ADDITIONAL
DETAILS.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY

DAKAR DETAILS PROPOSED VISIT. PARTICULARLY NEED KNOW WHAT LOCAL PUBLICITY CARDINAL MIGHT CONSIDER APPROPRIATE AND WHAT SERVICES EMBASSY MIGHT OFFER HIM IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL DIOCESE. WILL CARDINAL COOK WANT TO MEET WITH GIRM DROUGHT OR DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS WHO MAY BE IN TOWN AT TIME HIS VISIT?

4. FOR DAKAR: BISHOP DE CHEVIGNY TRAVELING TO DAKAR, SEPTEMBER 23 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH CRS DIRECTOR ON COOK VISIT. SHURTLEFF

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